5/8/43 5th Student Sgd. Clais 43-22 Brk. 311 BAAF. (F.G.S.) Ft. MUMS Fla Dearest Mother & All I received your mice card & letter all on the same day + it was very thought full to you . Well have it is Sat. + "I haven't got a thing for you for tomorow tit bring Mother Day to. I am very sorry but will tag to do Better latter It I did buy some thing it would have to be at the SPX. because we don't get any time of to go to town except on Sum. & all the Stors are closed. At lest I could of sent a Mothers Day card but I didn't. To tall the trath Our free time is so short that all we thing at is to get a Tittle yest & study: Bog sence I hit this camp my letter writting her faller way back I am about 7 or 8 letter. Schund now but I try to answer them as soon as I can I some of three are a write later. That making a Gunner out of us workt any truth it is just the way the Army runs all the thing you don't. Grow from one day to the next where or what you will Be doiry. For example there one guy bere that was serpose to be 12 the Enterinty but was sent & on Infinity Camp & stag all there for & months + Then came here. And during this 6 months he has it drow a bit of going. because they didn't have any of his orgers. They was al in the Air Corp Nor he has got to go through here then to some A.M. or Road, School. What a mix my but that is the way it runs So that the

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Dearest Mother & All

I received your nice card & letter all on the same day & it was very thought full of you. Well here it is Sat. & I haven't got a thing for you for tomorrow & it being Mothers Day to. I am very sorry but will try to do better latter. If I did buy something it would have to be at the P.X. because we don't get any time of to go to town except on Sun. & all the stors are closed. At lest I could of sent a Mothers Day card but I didn't. To tell the truth our free time is so short that all we thing of is to get a little rest and study. Boy since I hit this camp my letter writting has fallen way back I am about 7 or 8 letters behind now but I try to answer them as soon as I can & some of them are a week later.

That making a Gunner out of us wasn't any trick it is just the way the Army runs all the thing you don't. know from one day to the next where or what you will be doing. For example there one guy here that was serpose to be in the Infintry but was sent to an Infintry

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Camp & stayed there for 6 months & then came here. And during this 6 month he hasn't drawn a bit of pay because they didn't have any of his papers. They was all in the Air Corp. Now he has got to go through here & then to some A.M. or Raedr School. What a mix up but that is the way it runs So that's that.

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About sing to another soloof you know just as bout esman it as I do. The only way I'll know is when I got there & one never soon chore that will be Bog talk shout your tist 3 pat here I an just setting here t writting & sutting like a staft pig would black. What a life I guess the weg to figure it out would to be hits the heat + cold = warm It probley will be some time N+S = OK Brfore they from this out bot one never knows what they will do nost ay what has ' had! Tell per that one of the boys that was in the new book to no 13 M.C. is is the nost bunk to me & guite a For other from M.C. that I got acquartic with coming down to Tenn. Over in the mest Sgd. Goo. Silveman is going to school the starting out with me from Portland. but we was broken up when as left N.C. I can to Tenn. I he went to St. Louis bat came here a west after withit here + I quess I'l finis a week or 2 before he does. It don't matter much be cause when your only In a place for a month the mount you get to know each other prothy fait any way. You spe we are bouther only 24 hr. out of the day engaged to songer reason or another we get to know sach other get it. Well what do you know they are giving us a 22 drake this after noon. But there must be something in the wind because they never did it before. Oh well time will bell The way it sounds if it waint for some this like So I will dot down a few lines the old field to get a for those wouldn't BE much excitment og whet. How did the Fore dopt, make out this

About going to another school you know just asbout as much it as I do. The only way I'll know is when I get there & one never knows where that will be. Boy talk about your hit heat here I am just sitting here & writting & swetting like a stuff pig would bleed. What a life I guess the way to figure it out would be like this heat + cold = warm It probley will be some time N + S = OK before they figure this out but one never knows what they will do next say what har! har!

Tell par that one of the boys that was in the next bunk to me in N.C. is in the next bunk to me & quite a few other from N.C. that I got acquantid with coming down to Tenn. Over in the next Sqd. Geo. Silverman is going to school & he startted out with me from Portland but we was broken up when he left N.C. I cam to Tenn. & he went to St Louis but came here a week after we hit here. & I guess I'll finish a week or 2 before he does. It don't matter much because when your only in a place for a mouhnth mounth you get to know each other pretty fast anyway. You see we are together only 24 hr. out of the day anyway & for some reason or another we get to know each other get it.

Well what do you know they are giving us a 1/2 ^{hr} brake this afternoon. But there must be something in the wind because they never did it before. Oh well time will tell. So I will dot down a few lines.

The way it sounds if it wasn't for something like this old field to get a fire there wouldn't be much excitement say what. How did the fire dept. make out this

Pring anyway. Did they got as many calls as they we to in the sprong time or was that just on the acount of some fire man lite Burning Bestlage that wanted to make some money remomber. Oh you by the way AVR per what Kind of Service tol did Fred Barry get into or is he still having around. Well we had a little shower this after noon which lasted about the more or less at lest it was long Enough for us to get out of Calasta-til (exercisis) t that is a help non breet we will fell it Mon. because that will make two days with out them turn ut but the they will fill fatt for a while but nothing now. Well My have been out on the 22 col. Yang + 50 col range & tomorrow we start skeet shooting with 12 gags Short gues Some for Wated une miss thom. Nothing much more to write about sowill have to sign of bove as always your Son walt P.S- Wish you best of Luck with the gardon P.S. cont. Sour those Church stubs & maybe Someday Juill get them out back to you some day. OVER

spring anyway. Did they get as many calls as they us to in the spring time or was that just on the account of some fire man like Bunny Rutlege that wanted to make some money remember. Oh yar by the way ask par what kind of Service [word crossed out] did Fred Perry get into or is he still hanging around.

Well we had a little shower this afternoon which lasted about 1 hr. more or less at least it was long enough for us to get out of Calarstantci (exercises) and that is a help now but we will fell it Mon. because that will make two days with out them & when get them they will fell tatt for a while but nothing new.

Well we have been out on the 22 cal. range & 50 cal. range & tomorrow we start skeet shooting with 72 gage short guns Some fun. Watch me miss them.

Nothing much more to write about so will have to sign of . Love as always your son "Walt"

P.S. Wish you best of luck with the garden

P.S. cont. Save those check stubs & maybe Someday I will get them out back to you Some day.

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Oh yar We have been told at every Comp to write home to explore to our falts how to reach us is a harry & this is the first place that I have though at it. So in any case of emergencey that you wanted to set in contact with me in a hurry or any they that came up that I would have to come home ton a emergency furlogs. It would it do any good to send a telagraph because It would take almost as long as a letter. the quickest way would be to (moteofie) the Red Cross (moterfie) (let the m sho) ont of three yoz, it There is Portland & they would get in Earch with my Sgd. or me within 2" or 3 hrs. That The way we have been told to do it to by some of the Bogs hor in Camp thots the rishe way because the that don't don't get any head way for 2000 days the while the others are with in hrr. That the Army Way you know three are just 2 ws y). "the right way to the Army Way

Oh yar We have been told at every camp to write home & explain to our folks how to reach us in a hurry & this is the first place that I have thought of it. So in any case of emergencey that you wanted to get in contact with me in a hurry or any thing that came up that I would have to come home on a emergencey furlogh. It wouldn't do any good to send a telegraph because It would take almost as long as a letter. The quickest way would be to (noteefie) the Red Cross

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There in Portland & they would get in touch with my Sgd. or me within 2^{hrs} or 3 hrs. That the way we have been told to do it & by some of the boys here in Camp thats the right way because them days

that don't don't get any head way for 2 or 3 doeys [& th] while the others are with in hrs.

That the Army Way You Know there are just 2 ways "the right way & the Army Way"